



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Council Session

## Item G21

### **#2002-190 - Approving Amendment to Community Connections/Neighborhood Association Grant Program Relative to Grant Application Cycles**

*In October, 1998, the City Council adopted Resolution #98-258 approving the Community Connections Program to assist neighborhood associations in fostering neighborhood pride, enhance and beautify neighborhoods, expand citizens' involvement and promote livability of the community. The Program provides a 50/50 match by the City (through the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation/CYC grant funding) with the neighborhood associations. The City Council has established a \$1,000 maximum match for the first projects undertaken by a neighborhood association under this program and a \$3,000 match for any subsequent projects, upon successful completion of the first project. The Program guidelines provide for two grant cycles each year.*

*It has been recommended that the two specific grant cycles be eliminated and that applications for neighborhood association grant funding be considered on a continuous basis, as funding allows. This year's budget includes \$15,000 for this program. The proposed modification will allow new neighborhood associations the opportunity to form and apply for grant funding to assist in the installation of sidewalks. The prepared Resolution amends the policy for Community Connections to allow for consideration of grant applications at any time throughout the year. Approval is recommended.*

Staff Contact:

RESOLUTION 2002-190

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1998, by Resolution 98-258, the City of Grand Island approved the policy entitled "Community Connections" which encourages improvement projects or activities by neighborhood associations, with a 50/50 match in funding from the City of Grand Island through grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the policy currently allows grant applications to be considered at two designated time periods within each year; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that this provision be amended to allow consideration for grant applications at any time throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the policy entitled "Community Connections" is hereby amended to allow the consideration of grant applications at any time throughout the year.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on June 25, 2002.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ June 21, 2002                      ? City Attorney
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